

David Levy seeks to be settlement czar Green light for 3 more villages in West Bank

By DAVID RICHARDSON
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The joint ministerial-Jewish Agency settlement committee yesterday approved the establishment of three more settlements to be built in western Samaria, committee sources confirmed last night.

The three settlements have been temporarily named Oranit, Bruhim and Dir Kala, and are planned to include between 1,000 and 1,500 housing units, depending on the land reserves found in each area.

Yesterday's meeting was largely devoted to a review of settlement activity by the Housing Ministry. Deputy Prime Minister and Housing Minister David Levy presented the committee with a glossy brochure about his ministry's activities, especially in the West Bank.

Levy then proposed that he be given control over all settlement activity in the area. A decision on the motion was put off until the next meeting of the committee, following objections from various members, particularly from Mattityahu Drobles of the Jewish Agency's settlement department.

Committee and cabinet sources said last night that Levy has been irritated by the activities of Deputy Agriculture Minister Michael Dekel, who has set himself up as something of a patron of private initiative in the West Bank —

traditionally a prerogative of the Housing Ministry.

"Levy also has the upcoming Herut convention in mind, and a possible fight for the position of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's successor," one source said. "Levy is trying to counter his public image as a dove by establishing himself as the main architect and sponsor of settlement in Judea and Samaria."

Monday's ceremony marking the handing over of the Nahal outpost on Mt. Bracha to civilians as the first stage of establishing a Jewish suburb close to Nablus was raised both at the cabinet meeting and that of the joint settlement committee.

Deputy Prime Minister and Agriculture Minister Simha Ehrlich, who chairs the ministerial settlement committee, said at the cabinet session that the ceremony was out of place, that Levy's attendance was unnecessary and that publicity surrounding the event was "harmful and provocative."

Ehrlich said that much damage had been done by last month's leak of a plan to hand over eight Nahal outposts to civilians. The process itself was positive, he said, but the fuss was deplorable.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori echoed his remarks, and Defence Minister

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Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy receives his new insignia yesterday from Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Defence Minister Moshe Arens, as outgoing chief of staff Rafael Eitan looks on.

Moshe Levy takes over from Eitan

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Defence Minister Moshe Arens had to stretch to place the insignia of rank of the shoulders of the new chief of staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, at yesterday's ceremony in the Prime Minister's Office, changing the IDF's supreme commanders. Stepping down, Rav-Aluf (Res.) Rafael Eitan appeared moved.

Begin praised Eitan as one "of our most glorious soldiers, not only in this generation." He noted that Eitan had been wounded four times during his military career, which began at the age of 17, and that he had fought in all Israel's wars.

Eitan's wife and daughters were at the ceremony, as were Levy's children and 74-year-old father.

In his parting message to the IDF, Eitan bade farewell to the families of the fallen and to "the milestones on his progress from private to army commander. Goodbye to the rocks of Kutamon, among which we fought with valour until victory, rocks which drank the blood of our friends and my own blood. Good-

bye to the sands of the south and the basalt rocks of the north, which also drank my blood. Goodbye to the canopies of the parachutes, which hundreds of times opened above me and carried me safely from the heights to the solid earth below, during the day and at nighttime, and one — my 32nd (jump) — into enemy territory deep in Sinai. Goodbye to the Bik'a... Ramat Hagolan... the northern border... goodbye to all the IDF..."

At the changeover ceremony in (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Begin to act in Treasury, canal row

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Menachem Begin will meet privately this week with Finance Minister Aridor and Energy Minister Modai in an attempt to soothe the row that has broken out between them over the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal project.

The issue came up at cabinet yesterday, when Begin joined Interior Minister Yosef Burg in exhorting the Finance Ministry for publicly branding Modai a "muddle-headed ignoramus."

The Energy Ministry, meanwhile, reiterated its charges yesterday that some \$100 million in Israel Bonds

raised specifically as "seed money" for the canal project had already been spent by the Finance Ministry elsewhere.

Finance Ministry economists are now saying that the canal is not an economically viable project.

Asked yesterday if it was suggesting that some impropriety had been committed in the raising of the Israel Bonds funds, the Energy Ministry replied: "We did not say it in that way. What was said was said. We will not go beyond it."

The Energy Ministry, in a statement issued on Sunday, had accused the Finance Ministry of "stifling development projects" and

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Israeli concern over Reagan's Golan note

By DAVID LANDAU
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Israel is to seek "clarifications" from the U.S. about President Ronald Reagan's recent letter to Syrian President Hafez Assad urging negotiations for Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Israeli policy-makers are plainly disturbed by the timing and the tenor of the letter. Their anxieties have not been entirely allayed by assurances from Washington officials that the letter merely reiterated long-standing American policy.

First word of Reagan's letter was published on the weekend by the official Syrian news agency. It cited Reagan as writing that the U.S. and Syria share the "common goal of a negotiated peace settlement," and said that Reagan dwelt on the fact that UN Security Council Resolution 242 requires withdrawal by Israel on all fronts.

Israel applied its law and administration to the Golan

Heights in December 1981, thereby effectively annexing the territory.

U.S. officials confirmed that Reagan had written to Assad on the occasion of Syria's independence day, but they sought to play down the significance of the move.

At the cabinet session in Jerusalem yesterday, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said the letter was possibly designed to improve relations between Washington and Damascus in preparation for the hoped-for withdrawal of all foreign forces — Syrian as well as Israeli — from Lebanon.

Despite this assessment, Jerusalem is uneasy about the Reagan letter. The belief apparently is that Washington, having failed to bring Jordan's King Hussein into negotiations about the West Bank, might now float the idea of expanding the peace talks to embrace the Golan issue. This inevitably would mean more dispute between Israel and the U.S., given their sharply opposing views on the future of the Golan Heights.

Negotiations continue despite Beirut bombing

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

"Finish it. Please finish it." With this urgent plea for a speedy end to the Israel-Lebanon-U.S. negotiations, a tearful Roberta Draper, wife of the senior American diplomat who narrowly missed death in Monday's Beirut embassy blast, flung herself yesterday into the arms of Israeli negotiator Yakim Rubinstein in Netanyahu.

It was a deeply moving moment for all the delegates. They had been determined to go ahead with yesterday's session as planned — to demonstrate that the talks would not be deterred by terrorism.

Rubinstein, the top legal man on the Israeli team, sought to assure the still distraught Mrs. Draper that the negotiators are doing their utmost to bring the talks to a quick conclusion.

The three delegation heads, David Kimche for Israel, Lebanon's Antoine Fattal and Roberta's husband Morris Draper, all echoed the same sentiment at the opening of their session. Kimche said the bomb outrage showed that there must be close cooperation in the future between the governments involved to root out terrorism in Lebanon and throughout the region.

At the working sessions, the issues covered included the proposed "liaison offices" that Israel and Lebanon will each have in the other country; the problem of anti-Israel trade laws on Lebanon's statute book; delineation of a security zone in the south; and integration of "local forces" (i.e. Maj. Sa'ad Haddad's militia) into the Lebanese Army.

The still unresolved issue of Haddad's future status was not discussed.

The negotiators appear to have agreed that this will have to be dealt with by the highest policy-making echelons in Beirut and Jerusalem.

Another issue which will likely be left until the end, for resolution by the top policy-makers, is the presence of UNIFIL in the southern security zone. The Lebanese still want the UN force to protect Palestinian refugee camps in the area, while Israel would prefer UNIFIL to leave the south altogether.

Regarding the "liaison offices," Israeli sources say that while the Lebanese office in Israel would probably be smaller than Israel's office in Lebanon, there would definitely be some Lebanese representation here — if only for the purpose of issuing visas to tourists and merchants. The sources said it has not been decided yet

where the offices would be sited.

An Israeli negotiator estimated yesterday that it will take another fortnight or so of talks to iron out an accord — leaving these final points of dispute to be decided at the higher level.

Morris and Roberta Draper told their Israeli hosts that after the blast, each of them had feared that the other was trapped inside the stricken embassy building. They had both been there some time earlier. Morris had left to go to the Ba'abda presidential palace, saying he would return soon afterwards. Shortly before the blast, Roberta left alone.

When the bomb went off, he thought that she was still there, and she thought that he had come back already. Their relieved reunion was seen by millions of people around the world on dramatic TV footage.

Embassy attack 'bolsters Israel's demands'

By ASHER WALLFISH
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Jerusalem Post Correspondents

Monday's bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut has reinforced the justice of Israel's demand for effective security arrangements in Southern Lebanon. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told the cabinet yesterday.

Reviewing the state of negotiations with Lebanon at yesterday's meeting, Shamir said the blast showed the problems the Lebanese government has in controlling terrorist elements in the capital. He said the disaster proved that close

cooperation would be required for a very long time between Israel, Lebanon and the U.S. to handle the terrorist threat.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday sent a message of condolence to President Ronald Reagan on the loss of life at the embassy.

Shamir said in his review that the issues still unresolved in the negotiations affect the central issue of security. There is the status to be accorded to militia leader Maj. Sa'ad Haddad, and his operational role; the functions to be discharged by the UN force, UNIFIL; the com-

position and functions of the Israeli liaison bureau to be maintained in Beirut; and the type of anti-terror patrols to be conducted in the south, Shamir said.

One of the ministers told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that although the Lebanese negotiators began to display a certain flexibility regarding the Haddad role during the past fortnight, the overwhelming majority of the cabinet does not feel that Israel need show corresponding flexibility in return. The minister in question stressed this to prove that a call by Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori,

that "Israel has no moral commitment towards Haddad," is irrelevant to the general concern of the cabinet.

Zipori surprised his colleagues by saying that "we don't need to be troubled by pangs of conscience with regard to Haddad. We made Haddad what he is today, and we should consider only Israel's security needs when it comes to deciding the future. We gave him his status and his importance. Morally, we have no commitment towards him."

Zipori's remarks drew only (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Top CIA official among victims U.S. Beirut Embassy toll passes 60

Jerusalem Post Staff
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The death toll in Monday's blast at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut passed 60 yesterday, as Lebanese security forces concentrated their hunt for those responsible on local Shi'ite Moslems loyal to Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini.

In Washington the State Department said yesterday that a high-ranking Central Intelligence Agency official was among those killed.

The department said the official was Robert Clayton Ames, 49, director of the CIA's Office of

Analysis for the Near East and South Asia.

State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said Ames was in Beirut "on consultations at the time of his death."

But Romberg declined to say any more about Ames and referred other questions about the agent to the CIA, which he said had asked the State Department to make the announcement of his death.

At the CIA, spokesman Dale Peterson said Ames was "travelling in the Middle East for orientation and consultation."

CIA's primary Middle East analyst. He declined to answer further questions about CIA activities in Lebanon.

Even in death, it is regarded as extremely rare for any CIA personnel abroad to be identified.

Embassy spokesman John Reid, who suffered cuts on the head and face in the lunch-hour bombing of the embassy, said eight Americans were confirmed killed and eight other Americans were missing and presumed dead at the blast scene.

Ten Lebanese employees, visa applicants and visitors were con- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Hammer wants delegation back from Poland

Jerusalem Post Staff
and Agencies

"The Israeli delegation was misled by the Poles and should return home," said Education Minister Zevulun Hammer last night about Israel's representatives to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising memorial events.

Arts Council director Avner Shalev last night told Hammer by phone from Warsaw that, contrary to specific assurances by senior Polish officials, the PLO yesterday laid a wreath during one of the unofficial Warsaw Ghetto ceremonies.

Hammer said that he and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir had agreed before the delegation's departure for Poland that the delegation would not participate in any of the events if the Poles allowed the PLO to participate. Polish Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski had personally assured the Israeli delegation during a meeting on Monday in Warsaw that the PLO would not participate in the ceremonies, he said.

"But a PLO man participated in yesterday's ceremony and a PLO wreath was laid," said Hammer.

Shalev told Hammer that the Israelis were scheduled yesterday evening to meet with Polish officials "to protest and to find out why what had happened had happened, and why they had been misled. My advice to them was to do this and then return to Israel," said Hammer, who was expecting a second call from Shalev late last night.

Hammer said it was not a matter of "instructing" the delegation to return or of his "power" over the

delegation but one of "conscience and morality" for the delegation.

The Israeli delegation yesterday morning laid a wreath at the official ceremony. Later, there was an "unofficial ceremony," which foreign embassies were invited to attend. It was at this second ceremony that the PLO representative laid a wreath.

Fuad Yaseen, head of the accredited mission of the PLO in Warsaw, said after joining other diplomats laying wreaths: "The Jewish people were victims of Nazism and Palestinians are victims of the New Nazis — Zionists and Israel."

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, a member of the Israeli delegation, commented: "The murderers have found a way to desecrate the holy memory of the heroes of the ghetto."

He said the PLO's participation was a betrayal of assurances given by the Polish authorities that they would not be involved in the ceremonies.

Apart from the wreath-laying, which marked the day the doomed uprising started, the ceremonies included the rededication of the Nozyk synagogue, the only one to survive the German occupation.

The head of the American delegation, Rabbi Alexander Schindler of New York, said he would not protest the Arab action, but he called it "obscene."

"I think that to have the representative of a people that murders Israeli women and children is a mockery, a hideous, hollow mockery, of everything that happened in the Ghetto."

Peking warns Hanoi of retaliation

PEKING (Reuters). — China accused Vietnam yesterday of being solely responsible for artillery exchanges along their common border and threatened further retaliation if Hanoi does not stop its "provocations."

The warning, by Foreign Ministry spokesman Qi Huaiyuan, was China's strongest since last weekend when the two countries

began exchanging artillery fire and accused each other of starting the violence.

Qi accused Vietnam of "making unwarranted accusations against China by confounding black and white and distorting the facts in an attempt to shift onto the Chinese side the responsibility for the tension along the Sino-Vietnamese border."

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

West German Ambassador Niels Hansen will speak on German-Israeli relations at the weekly meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Rotarian Yoel Tzur, commissioner of patents at the Justice Ministry, will speak on registration of patents at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at the YMCA at 1 p.m. today.

The Jerusalem Khan presents Shakespeare's *A Winter's Tale*, in Hebrew, tonight; proceeds to the scholarship fund of the Israel Association of University Women, of which IS275,000 in grants will be distributed at 7:30 p.m. Reception after the performance. Tickets at the box office.

ARRIVALS

A study group of Tel Aviv University American Friends from Orange County, California, headed by Mel Jaffee, for lectures, seminars and study tours given by Tel Aviv University faculty members, and meetings with Israeli leaders.

Israel 2, Watford 2

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — The Israeli Olympic soccer team held Watford, second in the English first division, to a creditable 2-2 draw here yesterday, scoring the final goal with only a minute to go.

The Israeli 11, working up to the Olympic Games, held off Watford for 62 minutes, thanks to superb play by goalkeeper Ari Alter. Eli Cohen scored Israel's first goal, five minutes from time, and Marice Jano the second goal a minute before the final whistle.

Real wages go down by 1.1 per cent in 1982

Post Economic Reporter
Real wages in 1982 went down on average by 1.1 per cent, and by 4.7 per cent in the public services, according to a report by the research department of the Bank of Israel. The report also said that the number of salaried employees rose by 2.3 per cent and of public service employees by 1.6 per cent. The industrial production index rose by 0.3 per cent as compared with 6.3 per cent in 1981.

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Moshe Arens was said to have given a meaningful nod of assent. Levy himself was not present at the cabinet session. But at the joint settlement committee session later in the day, Levy was warmly praised for the way his ministry had gone about establishing Bracha, which was prepared for civilian settlers within three weeks. Levy was among those in the ministerial defence committee who originally objected to the establishment of Bracha when it came before that body. Science and Infrastructure Minister Yuval Ne'eman talked of "Upper Shechem" becoming to Nablus in another 70 years what Tel Aviv is to Jaffa. Levy's report to the committee also included details on a number of highways planned to by-pass large urban Arab areas. The roads will avoid Nablus and the large Balata refugee camp nearby, Kalkilya and Kfar Kasim. Also to be built are roads linking Beit Sir to Ben-Shimon in the Lod area, Givat Ze'ev to Ramat north of Jerusalem, and settlements in the southern Hebron hills to Arad.

TODAY — Haga (Civil Defence) Exercise in Bnai Yehuda, Golan Heights

Tomorrow, Thursday, April 21, there will be a Haga exercise in Bnai Yehuda, Golan Heights, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. During the exercise, the sound of firing and explosions will be heard, and the sirens will sound the all clear. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

HOME NEWS

2 charged in stockbroker's murder

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two men charged here yesterday with murdering stockbroker Ya'acov Alterovitz also planned to murder his wife Sara, according to the state.

The prosecution, which intends to bring 80 witnesses before the district court, asked that Gil Ben-Gal, 25, and Ronen Shani, 24, be held through their trial. It was noted that Shani was seized at Ben-Gurion Airport minutes before he was to board a plane to Denmark.

Ben-Gal decided to murder Alterovitz, who was employed at the Moritz and Tuchler brokerage firm, following a quarrel over financial matters, the charge sheet says. The dead man was a silent partner in Ben-Gal's numerous accounts

with the company, some of which were in his name and some identified by number alone.

Alterovitz advised Ben-Gal financially, secretly helped him obtain credit and aided him in transferring his huge profits on the stock market over the past five years to Switzerland, the prosecution alleged, adding that both men had foreign bank accounts, as well as a joint account in Switzerland.

The defendants are said to have broken into Shani's father's house in Holon last June and stolen a nine-mm. Beretta pistol.

On the night of December 27, the charge sheet continues, they drove to Petah Tikva and shot 52-year-old passerby Rivka Ben-David, badly wounding her, as "practice" for Alterovitz's murder.

On the cold, stormy night of February 20, Ben-Gal drove Alterovitz home after having dinner with him. As the broker walked from Ben-Gal's car towards his apartment on Rehov Ussishkin, the two suspects allegedly shot and killed him, hitting and injuring two bystanders, Shmuel Gaver and Michael Orlov. In the process, the charge sheet does not specify which of the defendants actually did the shooting, as there is some uncertainty on this matter, and uses the verb "shot" in the plural.

Judge Haim Dvornik ordered Ben-Gal held until the end of the trial. Shani's attorney, Amnon Zichroni, asked to postpone the decision until he had studied the material against his client, who was remanded until the next court session.

PLO office to open in Finland

HELSINKI (Reuter). — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is to open an information office in Finland, informed sources said yesterday.

The Finnish Foreign Ministry disclosed earlier that its officials had talks with PLO representative Rihbi Awad this week, and told him that the PLO could set up an office of the type it has in some other capitals, such as Stockholm.

The ministry said there was no change in policy on the PLO, and no diplomatic status would be given to its office.

Schools open in most of W. Bank

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Most West Bank schools reopened yesterday after a three-week closure prompted by the poisoning scare which sent hundreds of girls into local hospitals.

Schools in the Jenin area, where the panic started, remain closed. Civil administration officers are still negotiating with teachers and principals in the area over conditions they are demanding to prevent a recurrence of the episode.

LEVY-ETAN

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the Prime Minister's Office, attended by all the cabinet and the general staff, only one IDF major general, Aluf Avigdor Ben-Gal, was absent. Ben-Gal was one of the frontrunning candidates for Eitan's post.

Levy, a resident of Kibbutz Beit Alpha, was born in Tel Aviv in 1936. He served in the Golani Brigade, transferred to the paratroops and in 1956 served as operations officer of the battalion which jumped in the Mitla Pass. He has since served in various command positions, and was appointed deputy chief of staff in 1982. He is a graduate of the Hebrew University in economics and Islamic history.

In his order of the day upon assuming the office, Levy wrote: "Our forces are also deployed in Lebanon... We embarked on Operation Peace for Galilee to hit the terrorist organizations in Lebanon and to keep Galilee, and Israel, safe from terrorist activity. This war has not yet ended, and it is our duty to enable the government of Israel to reach agreements which will safeguard those achievements in the future."

Reserves up by \$4m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel's foreign-currency reserves rose by \$4 million in March, to reach \$3,197m, according to Bank of Israel figures released yesterday. The government also injected IS8.7b. into the money supply in March, making a total of 34.8b. for the whole financial year.

CABINET

army officers. Sharon said that Syria intends these puppet forces to control any part of Lebanon which might be evacuated by the Syrian army or the Fatah in defiance of sovereign central authority. Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said that the security arrangements being negotiated for Southern Lebanon will not be effective if the IDF is not authorized to carry out "hot pursuit" of terrorist gangs which retreat into Lebanon after penetrating Israeli territory.

Arens replied that Israel has never had such an arrangement with regard to the border with Jordan or with Egypt. Begin said that no comparison is possible between the Lebanese border and the borders of Jordan and Egypt, since in any case Lebanon lacks the strong army and the effective central authority that Jordan and Egypt have.

Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan and Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat decided yesterday not to air their proposal for a unilateral IDF pullback southwards in Lebanon to the Awar River. The Post learned that they decided to defer this initiative partly because of the Beirut embassy blast, and partly because they feel it would be even more timely in the event of Syria hampering the implementation of any agreement which Israel reaches with Lebanon first.

In another survey, Shamir said yesterday that Israel's relations with the U.S. administration, Congress, and public opinion had improved noticeably of late. Arens said that the administration's agreement to unfreeze the release of technical know-how regarding the development of the Lavi warplane was a "notable political achievement for Israel." The know-how was contained in research studies by American aircraft corporations, ordered by Israel, regarding the design and manufacture of the wings for the Lavi, and the design of flight control equipment, he said.

Taxi fares go up

Taxi fares will go up tomorrow by 10 per cent, a Transport Ministry spokesman said yesterday. The starting price on taxi trips will now be IS52, with IS3 for every additional 300 metres.

Sherut fares between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem will be IS110, Jerusalem-Haifa IS201 and Tel Aviv-Haifa IS124, with 25 per cent extra at night.



This aerial photograph, taken yesterday from a U.S. Navy helicopter, shows the collapsed centre section of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, partially destroyed in a bomb blast on Monday which killed 60 persons. (UPI telephoto)

Progress made between gov't and MDs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Progress apparently was made at yesterday's meeting between the government and the striking doctors, as a basis for negotiation was agreed upon by the two sides.

The government was represented by Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt, who is acting finance minister, and Health Minister Eliezer Shostak.

The doctors yesterday agreed to the Treasury proposal that the basic wages of the doctors will be

between IS20,490 and IS42,838 per month.

The intention is to spread the wage increases evenly among all the grades of doctors.

At the next meeting tomorrow morning the two sides will discuss what other components of the composite wage will be included in the new pay scale. The Treasury is demanding that the hospital allowance, academic increment, professional literature and other additions be included in the increased basic wage.

The doctors are demanding other increases and a reduction of their work week from 45 to 38-36 hours.

At the end of the meeting, Patt said no progress had been made. But Shostak said there had been considerable progress. Health Ministry director general Baruch Modan said it was a major achievement that agreement has been reached on doubling the doctors' wages.

A week ago, the doctors rejected this proposal, saying that the Treasury was offering nothing new.

BEIRUT DEATHS

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firmed killed and 20 others were missing and presumed dead, along with one person from a third country, according to Reid's statement.

Lebanese police said 120 others, including 22 Americans were injured. The American University Hospital, where most of the victims were taken, said 66 injured people were treated and discharged and 19 others remained hospitalized.

Ambassador Robert Dillon said that about 130 persons were thought to have been in the embassy when the bomb went off.

Military sources said the bomb-laden vehicle carried 150 kilos of hexogene, a liquefied gas with an explosive power four times greater than TNT. The sources said there was "no evidence" of a "remote-control" detonation.

Police earlier said two detained Lebanese witnesses have testified that the seven-storey embassy was blown up by a lone suicide terrorist who raced a pickup truck into the driveway and detonated the explosives.

Police said army investigators were acting on the theory that the bombing had been engineered by Shi'ite Moslem extremists advocating the establishment of an Islamic republic in Lebanon, patterned after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's regime in Iran.

A group believed to be pro-Iranian called *Al-Jihad Al-Islami*, (Islamic Holy War) claimed responsibility for the embassy bombing in telephone calls made to a Beirut newspaper and a wire-service office, only 10 minutes after the explosion went off.

Callers purporting to represent the same group had claimed responsibility for several grenade and machine-gun attacks on the multinational peacekeeping force that killed one Italian soldier and injured five American marines, eight Italians and three Frenchmen in the last four months.

In an interview broadcast on Teheran Radio, Iran's deputy minister of foreign affairs, Ahmed Azizi, said any claims that Iran was behind the bombing were merely useful as pretexts for attacking the Islamic revolution.

No immediate comment was available from U.S. Embassy officials on a report by a privately owned Lebanese news agency that claimed the bombing was an attempt to assassinate U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib and his assistant, Morris Draper.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz expressed "shock and horror" Monday on hearing of the attack. He also called for an end to violence and for "peace and security" in the Middle East.

Lebanon's U.S. ambassador, Khalil Itani, denounced the bombing as a "brutal and cowardly attack."

Sen. Barry Goldwater, one of the U.S. senate's leading conservatives, called Monday for the recall of U.S. troops from Lebanon following the bombing.

But Sen. John Tower, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the bombing should not affect the U.S. commitment to Lebanon.

The governments of West Germany, France, Italy, Sweden and Denmark all issued statements condemning the attack. President Francois Mitterand said it must not be allowed to stop the search for peace in the Middle East.

RADIO UNIVERSITY. — The Army radio station, will resume broadcasting its *University of the Air* on April 24 with a lecture on early 20th-century Hebrew writers.

IS5,000 note to appear next year

Notes with a face value of IS1,000, IS2,000 and IS5,000 are to be introduced by the end of 1984, according to the Bank of Israel. A IS10,000 note, bearing a picture of S.Y. Agnon, the late Nobel Prize-winning Jerusalem writer, is also being prepared by the central bank.

Shmuel Peled, head of the banknote division of the Bank says that the value of a IS2,000 note today is equivalent to the value of the IS100 note when it was introduced in February 1969.

Within three months of the introduction of the IS300 note, says Peled, over half of the value of currency in circulation was in the new notes. Its introduction caused a fall of more than 10 million in the number of banknotes in circulation.

Half of the coins valued between 1 and 50 agorot now cost more to produce than their face value. Therefore, suggests Peled, they should be withdrawn from circulation.

CANAL ROW

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ANNA (Annen)
SIMONSOHN BAER
there will be a memorial service on Thursday, April 21, 1983 at the Prof. Weissert family residence, 29 Rehov Ramban, Jerusalem, at 4.00 p.m. We will leave the Weissert residence for the tombstones unveiling at 4.45 p.m.

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Ohana murder trial to begin tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Staff
The West Bank Arabs go on trial tomorrow in the Ramallah military court accused of stoning to death a Jewish woman, Ohana, in January, when she was travelling in a car through the town of Dahariya.

The five: all from Dahariya, are Mohammed Fadiha, 20, Atef Walidat, 17, Subhi Walidat, 17, Hajel Abu-Alan, 21, and Hassan al-Mahruza, 19. They face charges of premeditated murder, in that they allegedly lay in wait for Israeli traffic as it passed the local boys' school.

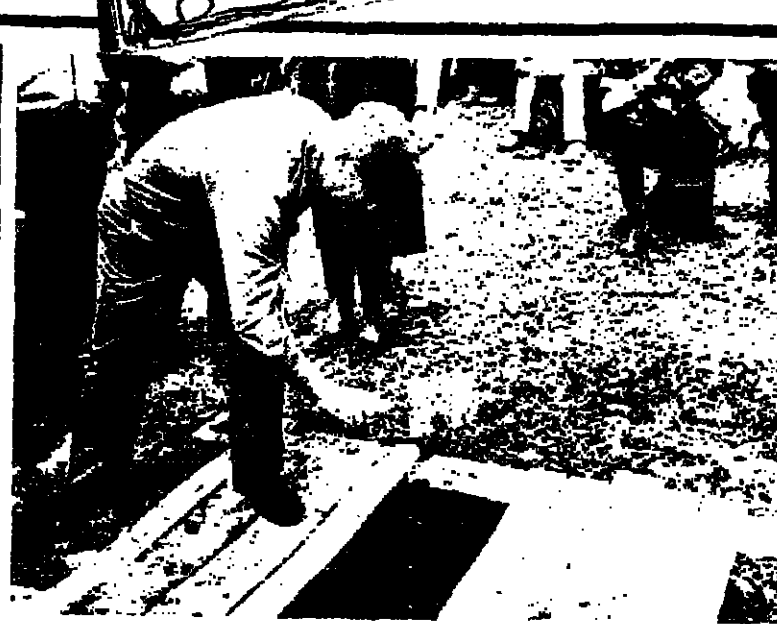
Other charges include membership in an illegal organization which planned unrest in the area, incitement of local schoolchildren, the preparation and distribution of leaflets denouncing the local village league and conspiring to intimidate people they suspected of collaborating with the authorities (using plastic and wooden rifles and pistols).

In a related development yesterday, the High Court of Justice rejected a petition by the families of the five accused, asking the court to order the release of their homes, which were sealed by the IDF following Ohana's murder.

The court found that the military commander had acted out of "substantive and reasonable considerations" of public safety in sealing the homes of the four families whose sons had confessed to stoning Ohana's car. The home of the fifth suspect was not sealed, the government attorney pointed out, because he did not participate in the actual stoning.

Justices Miriam Ben-Porat, Aharon Barak and Hanna Eynor ruled that the decision to seal — and not destroy — the houses could serve as a valuable deterrent to further acts of violence. "The measure taken by the military commander," said the judges, "is not the most drastic measure of destroying the structures, but is an intermediate measure from which there can be a turning back."

"It seems to us that, under such circumstances, there is an appropriate relation between the seriousness of the crime of which the defendants are accused and the gravity of the measures taken by the military commander."



Outgoing chief of staff Rafael Eitan lays the cornerstone for the new IDF educational centre at Mt. Yona near Nazareth. (IPPA)

Moslem group accuses gov't of 'religious discrimination'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Charges of discrimination against the Moslem religion were levelled yesterday by a group calling itself the Moslem General Council.

Speaking at a press conference here, Muhammad Zaidan, the secretary of the group, called upon the government to release the property of the Wakf (Moslem religious trust) and to allow Moslems to conduct their own affairs through their own elected bodies. At present, millions of dollars worth of property is being administered by the Lands Authority and the prime minister's adviser on Arab affairs.

He also called for the establishment of an institute of higher learning to train Moslem religious leaders. Israel's declaration of independence calls for freedom of religion, but Moslems are being deprived of that right, he said. Zaidan also called for an end to what he called "the desecration of mosques and cemeteries."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Religious Affairs said that Moslems are not denied the right of worship. The spokesman pointed out that Minister Yosef Burg recently called for Moslem religious matters to be controlled by the ministry, as is the case with other religions, rather than by the adviser on Arab affairs.

New flower to bring 'Israeli sunshine' to Europe

Jerusalem Post Reporter
RISHON LEZION. — A new "dwarf" sunflower is among items recently developed by the Volcani Research Institute near here. The sunflower, along with other newly developed agricultural produce, was exhibited in the framework of Independence Day celebrations.

The dwarf flower, which can be grown cheaply in the Jordan Valley in winter without the need for plastic covering or greenhouses, does not produce edible seeds.

A Volcani spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that the institute is optimistic about the export potential of the flower. "We will bring Israeli sunshine to Europeans during their cold winter," he said.

TV and radio struck by artists union

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The Artists Association yesterday called a halt to its members' appearances on television and radio programmes because of a dispute over wages and other issues.

Speaking to reporters here, association chairman, Eli Gurliitzki, said the artists demand for a 17-per-cent pay hike to make up for erosion in real income had been turned down. Members on the highest of three pay scales receive IS4,130, he said, for an eight-hour day of filming for TV plus three four-hour rehearsals. The lowest figure for the same work is IS1776.

Among programmes affected, Gurliitzki said, will be the Friday evening entertainment show *The Good Hour*, the Friday newsreel, 8%, children's programmes, religious programmes, dramas and entertainment shows. Army radio and educational TV will not be affected, he explained, because the performers have reached agreements with their managements.

Lod grocer fined for price-gouging

A Lod grocer was fined IS5,000 recently by the Ramle Magistrates Court for overcharging a customer by 45 agorot for two chocolate bars, IS1 for a package of noodles and nine agorot for a kilogram of salt, the Industry and Trade Ministry announced yesterday.

Zion Cohen also had to sign a guarantee for payment of another IS10,000 if caught at a similar offence during the next three years.

The case was one of several in which small merchants were ordered to pay fines for overcharging or failing to mark prices of goods on display. The charges were filed by the ministry's legal adviser for the Tel Aviv area.

Also fined IS5,000 by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court was Ya'acov Kimche, owner of a grocery at 32 Rehov Metudella, for taking half a shekel too much on a package of noodles, 43 agorot on a loaf of sliced bread and 10 agorot on a cup of flavoured yogurt. All these items have set prices.

TA offers marriage-counselling drama

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — In an effort to attract married couples to its professional counselling services, the municipality will present a series of drama-discussions entitled "Who's Afraid of Marriage," beginning tonight at the B'nai B'rith Auditorium.

The city maintains seven counselling centres, funded mainly by the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry, which offer help to couples with marital difficulties at a nominal charge. Fees range from IS120 to IS400 per visit.

According to Malka Birnbaum, deputy director of the

municipality's welfare department, the idea of the dramatic presentations is to lower public resistance to counselling.

The evening will consist of improvisations on the problems of various phases of marriage. Afterwards, psychologist Noga Rubenstein will lead public discussion.

Tickets, at IS75 each, are available at city hall or at the door before each performance. The schedule is as follows: April 20, B'nai B'rith Auditorium, 10 Rehov Kaplan, April 25, Beit Kimchi, Ramat Hachayal, April 27, Beit Rakah, Jaffa "D" May 2, Beit Barbour, Yad Eliahu.

Allon centre to help soldiers catch up

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAZARETH. — A cornerstone was laid on nearby Mt. Yona yesterday for the IDF's Yigal Allon Educational Centre, in a ceremony attended by over 1,000 local guests and donors from abroad.

Among those who participated were Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, former premier MK Yitzhak Rabin, outgoing chief of staff Rav-Aluf (Res.) Rafael Eitan, Ruth Allon (Yigal Allon's widow), senior IDF officers and Upper Nazareth Mayor Menahem Ariav.

The new educational project will cover about 1,000 dunams of land and consist of a number of schools and sport installations. Its total cost is estimated at about IS2.4 billion and is to take five years to build. Some 800 residents of Upper Nazareth are to find permanent jobs in the centre, reportedly to be the largest project yet undertaken by the Soldiers Welfare Association.

The idea for the centre came from Eitan. Its purpose

is to enable soldiers from disadvantaged backgrounds to get or supplement their basic education and thus to advance in the army as equals.

Rabin praised the government for its decision to name the new centre after Yigal Allon, "the soldier and the statesman, the farmer and the educator." Rabin also thanked Eitan for his achievement as a soldier.

Levy said that the IDF has remained the framework "which protects us from any shock." Levy too, praised Eitan saying that although "not all the time we agree with you and with your expressions, all of us forgive you."

Although it was his last public ceremony as chief of staff, Eitan spoke briefly, his speech lasting less than two minutes. Eitan said he hopes that the new educational centre would be built as soon as possible by Jewish labour and that fewer and fewer soldiers would need its services.

Interpol helping in clock robbery

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Interpol is distributing photos and descriptions of the clocks, watches and other property stolen last weekend from Jerusalem's Islamic Museum to its branches around the world.

Local police, meanwhile, have questioned workers at the L.A. Mayer Memorial Institute of Islamic Art, as well as other persons. But no arrests have been made in the \$5 million heist last weekend, and police say they have no potential suspects.

Nothing Islamic was touched at the museum, which also housed a large watch and clock collection, police said.

Customs officials and police are meticulously examining goods leaving the country, hoping to put their hands on the stolen property or to deter the thieves from smuggling it out.

No licence for 16-year-old bride

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A 16-year-old Lod resident had her request for a marriage licence turned down yesterday in Tel Aviv District Court after she and a 22-year-old man admitted that they had been secretly married by a Jerusalem rabbi two months ago.

The woman, who will reach the legal age for marriage in four months, brought a doctor's certificate to court to prove that she is three months pregnant. The couple said they have lived together for five months, and argued that for these and other reasons concerning their family, they wanted permission to marry.

But when questioned by prosecutor Nurit Metzger, the man admitted the earlier ceremony. Judge Haim Porat then promptly ruled that the request for permission was redundant.

Porat ordered that the file be turned over to police for possible prosecution.

Young UJA leaders pledge \$3.5 million

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The 1,000 members of the United Jewish Appeal's Yachad Young Leadership Mission have pledged a total of \$3.5 million — 36 per cent more than they donated in 1982.

The 10-day mission, which ended yesterday, took participants around the country into private homes, army bases and settlements. They observed Holocaust Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day with Israelis during their stay.

Industry and Trade Minister Palt

told the UJA leaders in a Knesset meeting that Israel was saddened more than any other nation by the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut on Monday. "We regard the U.S. not just as a friend but as the leader of the Free World, of which we are a member."

Palt added that if Israel is described as "stubborn" in the negotiations over Lebanon, it was because "without being stubborn, we won't be able to stay alive in this region." He urged the young American Jews to return often to Israel.

Capital promised more tulips from Amsterdam

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem, which was compensated by Dutch citizens with 100,000 tulip bulbs for losing the Dutch Embassy to Tel Aviv two years ago, will continue to be furnished with tulips until the embassy is returned to Jerusalem, a Dutch delegation told Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday.

Kollek told the visitors that the gift of tulips was among the best things to happen to Jerusalem in recent years.

Beyond their beauty, he said, the flowers performed an educational service in encouraging residents to take pride in their city. "Not a single flower has been picked," he said.

The leader of the Dutch group, said that a second shipment of 25,000 bulbs had been sent last fall to replace those that had died. Such gifts will be repeated annually, he said, financial circumstances permitting.

The Dutch embassy moved to Tel Aviv along with all other foreign embassies then located in the capital as a response to a UN resolution on Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

Haifa Chemicals strike is hurting exports

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A wildcat strike, now in its second week, by 370 production workers at the Haifa Chemicals factory here is inflicting heavy losses on the company. Production is at a standstill and exports, which make up the bulk of the firm's sales, are being held up. This could jeopardize future orders, management said yesterday.

The works committee wants an increase that would give the men parity with workers in neighbouring chemical factories. Engineers, technicians and administrative staff are not involved in the dispute.

The committee has accused the company of hiding behind the national wage-agreement

guidelines. The committee says that several workers are getting only IS14,000 or IS15,000 a month net.

The Haifa Labour Council, which has ordered the strikers to return to work so that negotiations can continue, is threatening to withdraw its representation from the works committee. "As far as we are concerned there is no justification for this strike," said the council spokesman.

CIVIL DEFENCE. — There will be a civil-defence exercise tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the area of Moshav Bnei Yehuda on the Golan Heights. Sirens and firing will be heard. In case of a real emergency there will be rising and falling sirens.

Arlosoroff commission holds first session

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The state commission of inquiry into the Haim Arlosoroff murder, meeting for the first time yesterday, has decided to call its first three witnesses to testify on May 24.

The commission deliberated in closed session for almost three hours at its headquarters in Beit Romano.

Judge Alon Gillon, commission coordinator, declined to name the witnesses, but told reporters they had been chosen from some 20 persons who had offered to testify.

He said the others would be called in for preliminary hearings, to determine whether they would be asked to testify.

Gillon said he anticipated that the commission might take up to a year to complete its investigation, given the large amount of written material available on the Arlosoroff killing, which took place almost 50 years ago. Arlosoroff, head of the Jewish Agency's political department, was shot to death as he was walking with his wife on a Tel Aviv beach.

The commission was established on March 14, 1982 at the suggestion of Prime Minister Menachem

Begin, following publication of a book by Shabtai Tevet, *The Arlosoroff Assassination*. Tevet concluded that revisionists Avraham Stavsky and Zvi Rosenblatt were guilty of the murder of the Labour leader as charged. The two were acquitted for lack of evidence. Stavsky is dead, and Rosenblatt is seriously ill.

The members of the inquiry commission are retired Supreme Court justice David Behor, chairman, former Tel Aviv District Court president Max Kennet, and theology professor Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits.

IDs discuss specialization

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Some 80 per cent of medical graduates become specialists, according to statistics presented at a news conference yesterday given by the Internal Medicine Association.

His will be one of the main topics at the association's biennial conference at the Tel Aviv Hilton week. Prof. Haim Herskovic of Salem's Shuares Zedek Hospital, Emmanuel Theodor of Tel's Beilinson Hospital and Prof. Anan Ben-Bassat of Hadassah that the growing specialization of problems of coordination.

Some 500 doctors from a dozen fields will present 120 papers at next week's conference.

in their own fields, but it is becoming increasingly difficult for the family doctor to estimate the effects of the various types of specialist treatments on their patients.

Among the possible solutions are upgrading the General Practitioner with a three-year hospital course, giving interns a greater general knowledge of the subject, while limiting the range of their specialization, and giving specialists some knowledge of related fields of medicine.

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Use wishing to participate, are requested to register at the Centre not later than April 28, 1983 and specify works they wish to play.

Students and music lovers wishing to attend the public sessions are cordially invited. Due to limited space, reservations are required for the final programme subject to change without prior notice.

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- ★ Work-injured dependants' allowance
- ★ Benefits for those injured by hostile action
- ★ Prisoner of Zion's benefit

As before, the following benefits will also be paid on the 28th of the month: old age pension, and low income supplementary benefit.

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Soviets reinforce Kabul while Afghan battles rage

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Reuters). — About 3,000 additional Soviet troops have been deployed in Kabul ahead of celebrations marking the fifth anniversary of the Communist takeover in Afghanistan, travellers from Kabul said yesterday.

The reinforcements arrived over the past week from other parts of the country. Security checks in Kabul have also increased significantly, they said.

The travellers said the moves were designed to head off rebel attacks on the city during the April 27 anniversary.

City authorities were determined that there should not be a repetition of last December's guerrilla raids, when the city's power supplies were knocked out for several days.

Western diplomats said they expected security checks to increase

in the days leading up to the anniversary. Diplomats said that fighting throughout Afghanistan remained at a high level, with battles in the western city of Herat and southern city of Kandahar.

Outside Herat, capital of a province bordering Iran, battalion-size government forces were attacking rebel strongholds.

At Kandahar, scene of some of the most bitter fighting of the war, rebels have attacked the city's main telephone exchange, the secret police headquarters and a military garrison in the past week.

AVIATION. — The International Civil Aviation Organization said yesterday that the number of airline accidents rose last year, with fatalities totalling nearly 900.

Walesa quizzed for third time

GDANSK (Reuters). — Police yesterday questioned Solidarity leader Lech Walesa for the third time in a week as the authorities went on investigating his links with the banned union's underground wing.

Walesa, who was questioned for three and a half hours, said after his release that he was asked about union funds concealed by a regional treasurer who evaded capture at the time of martial law and now leads the underground group.

Walesa was first questioned last Wednesday after he met secretly with that body.

The government newspaper *Rzeczpospolita* yesterday denounced underground opponents, saying their plans to stage demonstrations on May Day are part of a plot to force cancellation of a visit by the pope in June.

U.S. expels two Cubans for spying

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — Two members of Cuba's delegation have been ordered to leave the U.S. after being caught spying, a U.S. spokesman said yesterday.

They were identified as Rolando Salup-Canto, 36, a third secretary, and Joaquin Rodobaldo Penton-Cejas, 35, an attaché.

Failing an appeal against the expulsion order by the Cuban mission, they will have 48 hours to leave the country, according to the deputy permanent U.S. ambassador, Charles Lichtenstein.

The pair were detected engaging

in "hostile intelligence activities" in the New York area within the past four to six weeks, he said.

The U.S. official said it was usual practice to allow a 24-hour grace period for a mission to contest an expulsion order, in which case there would be a further check with the federal law enforcement agency involved.

Unlike Soviet diplomats, who are normally confined to a radius of 40 kilometres of New York City, there is no such restriction on Cuban diplomats.

The U.S. is represented in

Havana by an interests section — a diplomatic mission below the status of an embassy — while Cuba has similar representation in Washington.

Two Cuban UN diplomats were expelled in July last year for buying television satellite-monitoring equipment in violation of a U.S. trade ban with Cuba.

Lichtenstein also disclosed that a Czechoslovak diplomat, whom he did not identify, had recently been denied a U.S. visa to attend a UN conference because of an alleged espionage record.

Reagan sends missile plan to Congress

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Ronald Reagan yesterday asked Congress for funds to deploy 100 MX nuclear missiles in existing Minuteman silos, saying deployment of the 10-warhead weapon was essential to the future of arms control.

Reagan also backed a proposal by a panel of experts to conduct research and development on a small, single-warhead missile that could be ready for deployment by the 1990s.

He said deployment of the MX would provide the Soviet Union with an incentive to negotiate nuclear-arms reductions.

"Unless we modernize our land-based missile systems, the Soviet Union will have no real reason to negotiate meaningful reductions," Reagan said.

Past restraint and goodwill by the U.S. had not won similar restraint from Moscow, Reagan said.

Reagan's proposal to congress follows almost to the letter last

week's recommendation by a top-level study group appointed in January after Congress rejected an earlier MX plan.

Congress had previously turned down MX basing plans offered by Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter.

Opponents argue that the missile would be extremely vulnerable and not worth the cost for its role as an interim deterrent pending development of a smaller, single-warhead type.

Cairo, Moscow may exchange ambassadors in near future

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Soviet Union, in what could be a fresh opportunity to reassert its influence in a key Middle Eastern country, will be invited soon by Egypt to exchange ambassadors.

An Egyptian source said President Hosni Mubarak informed U.S. President Ronald Reagan during his visit here in late January that "it is just a question of time" before a Soviet ambassador is invited to return to Cairo. U.S. officials confirm the move may now be imminent.

The source, who asked not to be identified, said swapping ambassadors with the Soviet Union could signal Egyptian dissatisfaction with the U.S. for what most in the Arab

world consider insufficient American pressure on Israel on the Palestinian and other issues.

Reagan administration officials are showing no apparent distress over the development.

"I don't think the Egyptians are going to drop their suspicions (of the Soviet Union)," said an official who has been monitoring the situation closely. "We do not foresee it as indicating any change in relations."

Sadat expelled Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Polyakov and six embassy employees a month before the Egyptian leader was assassinated in 1981. He accused them of plotting against Egypt by inciting Moslem-Christian strife.

Salvadoran defence chief quits after power struggle

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — Gen. Jose Guillermo Garcia resigned on Monday as defence minister, ending a bitter power struggle with some commanders who accused him of bungling the war against left-wing guerrillas.

Garcia, 49, summoned reporters as rumours circulated that he would step down and told them: "I always thought that one day I would hold a news conference for you with only one question asked and one answer given. This question has an answer: Yes. I believe you understand what I'm referring to."

In the latest armed forces feud, air force commander Col. Juan Rafael Bustillo threatened last week to refuse Defence Ministry orders unless Garcia resigned.

Last January Col. Sigifredo Ochoa Perez, who was considered one of the army's best combat leaders, staged a six-day mutiny

with his 1,200 soldiers in northern Cabanas province. The rebellion ended when Ochoa agreed to go to the Salvadoran Embassy in Washington as military attaché. Military sources said at the time that as part of the compromise settlement, Garcia had pledged to resign in three months.

President Alvaro Magaña accepted Garcia's resignation and named Gen. Eugenio Vides Casanova, commander of the National Guard, to head the Defence Ministry, a presidential aide said.

Garcia called for armed forces unity and expressed the hope that the government would follow through with its pledge to hold elections. Elections had been scheduled for March 1984. But Magaña, at the urging of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, recently announced they would be held this December.

East-West German row over man's death

BONN (Reuters). — West Germany's Conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl has jumped into his first major East-West German row over the death of a West German after questioning in East Germany.

Kohl on Monday declined to see a visiting senior East German official and telephoned Eastern Communist party leader Erich Honecker to demand an explanation for the death of 46-year-old Rudolf Burkert at a crossing into West Berlin on April 10.

The East German news agency ADN, in its first detailed account of the incident, insisted that Burkert died of a heart attack during questioning at the Drezwitz border post. It sharply rejected West German suggestions of foul play.

But Bonn government spokesman Dieter Stolte said a West German post mortem had revealed head injuries which suggested the heart attack was not the

only cause of death. Right-wing Bavarian leader Franz Josef Strauss called the incident "murder" and complained that Bonn was not doing enough to obtain an explanation.

New Inter-German Affairs Minister Heinrich Windelen, also seen as a right-winger, said on television the incident might prevent a planned Honecker visit here later this year.

Pulitzers awarded for Lebanon war reports

NEW YORK (AP). — The Washington Post and The New York Times each took two awards in the 67th Pulitzer Prize competition, Columbia University reported.

Thomas Friedman of the Times and Loren Jenkins of the Post shared the award in International Reporting for their coverage of the war in Lebanon and its aftermath.

Andropov warns farmers to up production

MOSCOW. — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov has told state farms to improve their output, but made clear that the Kremlin is not planning any fundamental reform of the agricultural system.

In a speech to senior communist officials, Andropov admitted that Soviet agriculture is suffering from serious problems that cannot be blamed simply on bad weather.

However, his remarks, published by the party daily *Pravda*, yesterday, stressed the importance of raising efficiency and productivity within the present system and appeared to rule out any major structural changes or experimental reforms.

Andropov criticized incompetence in industry earlier this year and his latest speech, made in Moscow on Monday, spelled out to Soviet farmers the same demands for better management and increased labour discipline.

"The agricultural situation is becoming increasingly complicated," Andropov said, in what amounted to an admission that there are still no signs of an improvement in farm performance,

despite repeated exhortations from the leadership. The Soviet grain crop has been well below target for the past four years and livestock results have also slumped.

Western agricultural attaches believe that this year's results in both sectors will again fall short of the plan. Some said yesterday that Andropov's sombre remarks also point to this.

The Soviet leader said that though bad weather had been a plague, some farms had increased productivity in spite of it. He told farm managers and local officials that they bear a personal responsibility for bringing about improvements and would be answerable to Moscow if they fail.

The Soviet Union's ruling politburo — minus Konstantin Chernenko — met here yesterday with the Communist Party bosses of the union's 15 republics and a host of regional party chiefs to deal with agricultural questions.

The absence of Chernenko renewed speculation about his political status and physical health.

Brain-damaged tot may get \$119m

HOUSTON (AP). — The parents of a two-year-old girl who suffered brain damage during caesarean birth have accepted a settlement that could total \$119 million — the largest malpractice award ever made in the U.S., according to the parent's attorney.

Shortly before the case was to go to trial, Ronald Ferris, 32, and his wife, Linda, 29, agreed to the out-of-court settlement.

Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, owned by Hospital Corporation of America, agreed to pay the family \$42 million within 30 days and \$70-80 million for the first year. The payments will escalate 6 per cent each year the child lives.

The payments are guaranteed for 20 years or for the rest of the child's life, whichever is longer.

"If she lives to be 77, as doctors say she should, the award will amount to slightly more than \$119 million," which would make it the largest malpractice award ever made, said the attorney.

Legal battle over UK suicide guide

LONDON (AP). — Britain's attorney-general began a High Court battle on Monday to outlaw a "voluntary euthanasia" society guidebook, on how to commit suicide. Police say it is linked to the deaths of at least 15 Britons in the past 18 months.

Lawyers for Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers said police investigations showed another 19 suicides "had links" with the society, formerly called Exit. It began distributing the booklet two years ago, describing four bloodless methods of suicide.

Among the most notable recent suicides were writer Arthur Koestler, 77, who wrote the preface to the 30-page guide to Self-Deliverance, and his wife Cynthia, 56. They died from drug overdoses at their London apartment on March 3.

The case, being brought by Havers against the society as a civil action, is regarded as an important test of Britain's 1961 suicide act. It made suicide legal, but stipulated that aiding suicide is a criminal offence punishable by up to 14 years in jail.

Mubarak votes in Sudan referendum

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak made a short visit to neighbouring Sudan yesterday to vote in a referendum to elect Sudan's president, as a gesture of solidarity between the two countries.

Mubarak, whose country signed an integration agreement with Sudan last year, voted in a 12-day ballot on the election of President Ja'afar Numeiri for a third six-year term.

Andropov warns farmers to up production

Chernenko has been reported by Soviet sources to be fighting policy and personnel shifts sought by party general secretary Andropov.

In Rome yesterday, former U.S. national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski said that Andropov himself "may not have that much time to consolidate his power," adding he appears "very frail and very old."

Brzezinski made his comments in an interview with reporters at the 14th session of the Trilateral Commission, a private group of 320 North American, West European and Japanese leaders.

Meanwhile Andropov, in his first personal encounter with the western press since taking over the Kremlin helm, yesterday met with the publisher of the West German magazine *Der Spiegel*, according to the official news agency Tass.

Tass called Andropov's meeting with Rudolf Augstein, the publisher, a "conversation," indicating there was an exchange, but did not say how long the meeting lasted. (Reuters, AP).

Sports

Fast woman

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's outstanding long-distance runner Zehava Shmueli on Sunday achieved yet another major athletic triumph. Taking 14th place among the 1,500 women participants in the third annual London marathon, in a personal best and national record time of 2 hours, 40 minutes, 29 seconds.

Twenty-seven-year-old Shmueli, mother of two small boys, thus clipped nearly four minutes off her previous record, which she established in the 1982 Boston Marathon. That had improved by more than five minutes her earlier personal best time, set up in the New York marathon.

For Shmueli — with Israeli Karmi, an almost certain starter in next year's Olympic Games marathon in Los Angeles — her stunning success in London will be a big filip in her preparations for the World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki this summer.

Shmueli's younger sister Mazal Shalom, 23, made it a double success for the family when she completed the historic London course in a personal best time 2:55.46, making her only the third Israeli woman after Shmueli and Edna Fried to break the three-hour mark for the marathon.

Kibutz Mishmar Hasharon's Barry Shaw will lead a 15-strong team at next Sunday's Rome marathon, which is expected to attract an entry of 12,000 athletes. Along with Shaw, two prominent members of the squad are Hailife Ari Appel and Haim Avnati of Jerusalem.

Fastest woman

BOSTON (AP, Reuters). — American Joan Benoit cut almost three minutes off the women's world marathon record on Monday when she finished the Boston marathon in two hours 22 minutes 42 seconds. Her record-setting performance overshadowed favourite Greg Meyer's first marathon victory in two hours nine minutes flat.

Benoit, 25, a running coach from Boston University, won the women's event by a whopping margin of nearly seven minutes. It was her second win in the race — she won it in 1979. She smashed the previous world record of 2:25:29 shared by Allison Roe of New Zealand and Greta Waitz of Norway, who had tied Roe's mark at the London marathon on Sunday.

An estimated 6,000 runners — all of whom had to qualify — competed in the marathon, held annually on "Patriot's Day," commemorating the British assault on rebellious American colonists which triggered the Revolutionary War.

Junior stars in Jerusalem

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The International Tennis Federation's Second Annual Junior World Ranking Circuit Israeli "mini-series" starts today at 2 p.m. at the Jerusalem Tennis Centre, with Bulgaria among the six participating nations.

Other countries represented, along with hosts Israel, are Austria, Norway, Switzerland and West Germany. Israel Tennis Association General-Secretary Zvi Meyer told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. Teams from France and Italy will join the series next week, when it moves to Ramat Hasharon. Tournament manager in Jerusalem is Danny Frieman.

The six-day meet is organized by the Association in conjunction with the Jerusalem Municipality and the Israel Tennis Centre, while Grand Speed Sports Shoes and the capital's Ram Hotel are sharing the sponsorship.

The centre of interest at the Katamon courts will be Israel's new 17-year-old tennis hero, Amos Mansdorf. He will be defending the boys' singles and doubles titles he won at the 1982 inaugural junior ranking meet in Jerusalem, the latter with Menashe Tsur.

The London-based ITF's annual circuit for players under-18 this year comprises more than 80 meets in nearly as many countries across the world.

The foreign entry in Jerusalem consists of 12 boys and 4 girls. The participation of leading Bulgarian junior Ivanov Penko will mark a rare sporting contact between his country and Israel.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS. — Gene Mayer captured the title in the \$255,000 Pacific Southwest Open with a 7-6, 6-1 victory on Monday over John Kriek.

ICE HOCKEY NHL PLAYOFFS. — Boston 6, Buffalo 2; New York Rangers 3, New York Islanders 1; Chicago 4, Minnesota 3; Calgary 4, Edmonton 5.

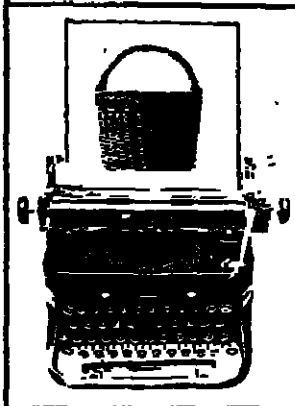
BASEBALL. — American League: Milwaukee 14, Boston 8; Baltimore 4, Cleveland 1; New York 3, Toronto 6; Minnesota 8, Seattle 5; Oakland 5, California 3.

National League: Philadelphia 8, Chicago 2; San Diego 10, Atlanta 3; Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 3.

Danish reporter accused of spying for E. Germany

DUESSELDORF (Reuters). — A Danish journalist and former chairman of the Foreign Press Association in Bonn went on trial yesterday, charged with spying for East Germany for 10 years. Flemming Soerensen, 52, was arrested last September.

(Advertising section)



A GUIDE TO SHOPPING AND SERVICES

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A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Normally our ads in this column have focused on the high quality and fair prices of our merchandise. We would like to depart from that message to say a word or two about our saleswomen in both our Jerusalem and Bnei Brak stores. We are privileged to employ a staff of dedicated and amiable women whose only goal is to bring to you, the customer, honest, courteous and responsible service. We wish to thank publicly the members of our staff in both our stores, and invite you to drop in and meet them. Of course, as always, the quality of our merchandise remains the highest and our prices fair.

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LP.O facsimile service now available in Jerusalem, Haifa

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Post Office is now offering facsimile services abroad from Jerusalem and Haifa, as well as from Tel Aviv. Customers using the service can transmit documents by placing them on the copying machine-like scanner which then transmits them with far more accuracy and speed than is offered by a conventional telex machine.

Facsimiles can now be sent to the U.S., Holland, England and Switzerland, from the Jerusalem Central Post Office in Rehov Yafu and from Haifa's Rehov Hanevi'im office, as well as from the Mikve Yisrael office in Tel Aviv.

Director of Postal Services Eitan Lachman told The Jerusalem Post that this latest expansion represents a further development of the "premium services," whereby

customers wishing to send items faster than regular mail will be able to do so at additional cost.

Lachman also revealed plans for a local facsimile service, linking the 15 major cities and towns in the country. He said he viewed the development of premium services as vital — particularly in the light of the numerous private delivery services springing up all over the country.

The fast mail service between Israel and the U.S. is another area Lachman hopes to develop. He expects to expand the service to other countries within the next year, and he also hopes to provide a door-to-door type service — picking up mail at the customer's home, and delivering personally.

Lachman said that once the express letter service is working properly, he will call on the government to regulate the activities of the many private courier companies. These companies only work in the most profitable areas, he said, and do not provide a proper service.

The most common private service at present is the bicycle or motorcycle messenger service operating in the main cities. Some taxi companies also offer an interurban service, delivering packages and letters door-to-door.

There are also about six companies offering messenger services abroad — with delivery taking between one and three days, depending on which country the package is addressed to.

Computer programme

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A new computer software programme enabling importers to keep track of fluctuating exchange rates and commodity prices has been developed by Oul-Data — a subsidiary of the veteran Oniyah office equipment company.

Company officials said the programme was developed to combat world and local inflation. It enables importers to keep an accurate record of their orders through all phases up to delivery.

Switzerland expects increase in visitors from Israel

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Record numbers of Israeli tourists are expected in Switzerland this summer, Swissair managers told a press conference here yesterday. The forecast is based on bookings already made and on the number of Israelis who visited Switzerland during the winter. Some 150,000 Israelis are estimated to visit Switzerland this year, a ten per cent increase over last year, it was reported.

The slump in tourism to Israel, which included a seven per cent decrease in the number of tourists from Switzerland in 1982, will probably end this year, Swissair general manager in Israel, Alex Ackerman said. Swissair, which represents the Swiss tourism ministry here, offers a large variety of package tours. These include stays at hotels and resort apartments, as well as sightseeing tours and travel arrangements for singles, elderly people and families.

Swissair commercial manager David Eisenman said that the changes in world currency have brought Switzerland's tour resorts and services within reach of the average traveller. A week in a resort apartment in one of the country's famed vacation spots costs \$113 for instance, and a night for one in a double room of a five-star hotel costs \$27, he said. Some package tours, including the round-trip and accommodation "in style," are available for \$470, he added.

A week's car rental, with unlimited kilometrage costs \$56.50, if made through Swissair Israel, he said, noting that car rental prices have not changed during the past four years in Switzerland.

Ackerman said that a Swissair group flight is only 10 per cent more expensive than a charter flight to Switzerland. Many of the company's package tours are cheaper and include more services than charter flights.

Frost causes fish breeders IS60m. loss

HAIFA. — Frost caused IS60 million damage to St. Peter's fish this winter, Amnon Levin, the secretary of the Fish Breeders Union said yesterday.

The equivalent of 600 tons of the fish — one fifth of an annual production — succumbed to the cold. The sub-tropical St. Peter's species dies when water temperature falls below 14 degrees Centigrade.

Levin said the government's insurance fund against natural disasters has started reimbursing breeders — but only for one third of their losses. The price of the fish has already gone up by about 30 per cent, to help compensate the breeders, he said.

Ponds are now being restocked with St. Peter's fry and breeders

hope to be back to normal production by the end of the year.

In a bid to avoid another frost disaster next winter, the Dag-Shean processing plant in Beit She'an has agreed to accept large quantities of St. Peter's for processing before the cold sets in.

Meanwhile, an international convention on pond breeding of St. Peter's fish is to be held in Nazareth under union auspices. Experts from over 50 warm-climate countries in Africa, Asia and the Americas are expected for the five-day meet, which starts on May 9.

The St. Peter's is of great commercial importance to fish breeders. About 3,000 tons are raised here annually, one quarter of the total pond yields.

Int'l public relations convention

An international convention on advertising and public relations opened here last Friday. The participants were invited by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to discuss Israel's current problems in public relations and to deal with possible future problems.

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Your money and your questions

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

QUESTION: I have War and Defence Loans 1972-73, all of which mature in 1988-89. Would I earn more by cashing them now (I am 68 years old and have that option) and investing the money in Bank Leumi shares or other bank shares?

ANSWER: The Government War Loans are index-linked and in many cases bear interest which is linked as well. In 1980 the cost-of-living index was up 132.9 per cent, while the major bank shares were up by more than 206 per cent. In 1981 the index was up 101% per cent, while bank shares were up by more than 175 per cent. In 1982 the index rose by 131% per cent, and bank shares were up by more than 170 per cent. In view of this, it seems that you would be better off cashing your government bonds in favour of an investment in bank shares, as these offer a greater hedge against inflation.

QUESTION: Why did the revaluation of the German mark and the Dutch guilder have no effect on the exchange rate of the shekel against the \$?

ANSWER: The revaluation of the Dutch and German currencies was done within the framework of

the European currency alignment. A part of the revaluation took place in advance of the announcement and in keeping with free market forces. In Israel, by contrast, the rates of exchange are governed by the policy of the Bank of Israel, and therefore Israeli currency rates do not reflect free market forces.

QUESTION: What does the term "earnings per share" mean?

ANSWER: If the total number of shares in a company is, say, one million, and the company has an after-tax profit of IS2 million, it is said that the earnings per share are IS2. This statistic is used in determining price-earnings ratios, perhaps the most important measure used in evaluating share prices. The market price of a share, divided into its earnings per share, forms the price-earnings ratio.

QUESTION: On a recent visit to France, I found one and 10 shekel Israeli coins in my change. What is going on?

ANSWER: The Israeli one-shekel coin is nearly identical in size with the French one franc, and the

ten-shekel coin is similar to the French five-franc. Apparently a few visiting Israelis have taken advantage of this similarity and have introduced the shekel into French currency. This is illegal, of course, and is a form of misrepresentation.

QUESTION: The ordinary Ampal shares are now trading on the American Stock Exchange. Previously, they were available over-the-counter (O.T.C.) and it was against the law to buy them in this country. Please explain.

ANSWER: Israelis are allowed to purchase securities registered on most major recognized stock exchanges abroad. Shares traded over-the-counter, however, are not considered as "registered on a major stock exchange." However, shares traded over-the-counter which are marginable, that is, which can be bought on credit, are suitable for investment by Israelis. Thus ordinary Ampal shares when traded O.T.C. and not marginable, could not be bought by Israelis. Now that they are traded on the American Stock Exchange, a recognized exchange, Israelis may purchase them freely.

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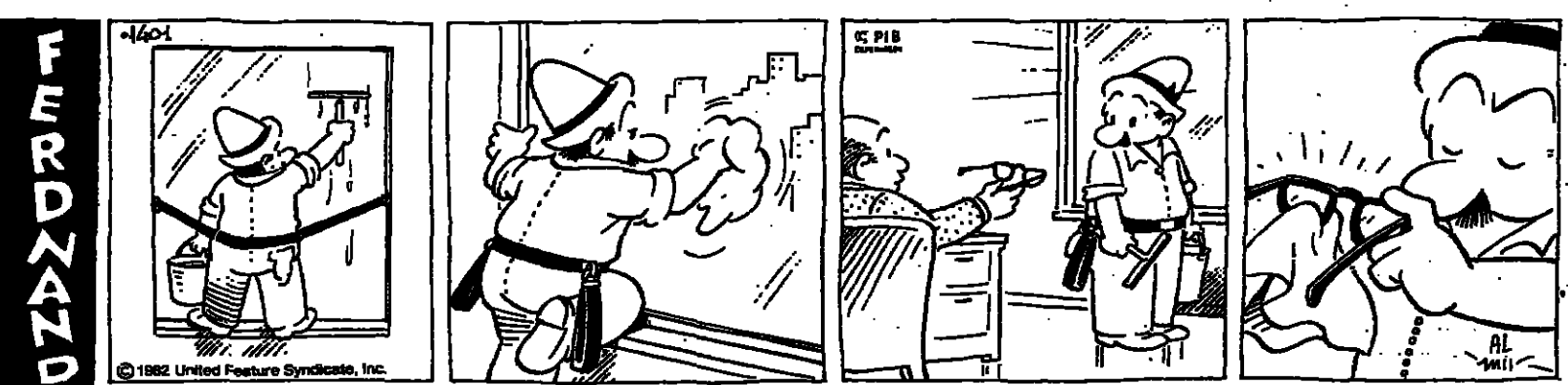
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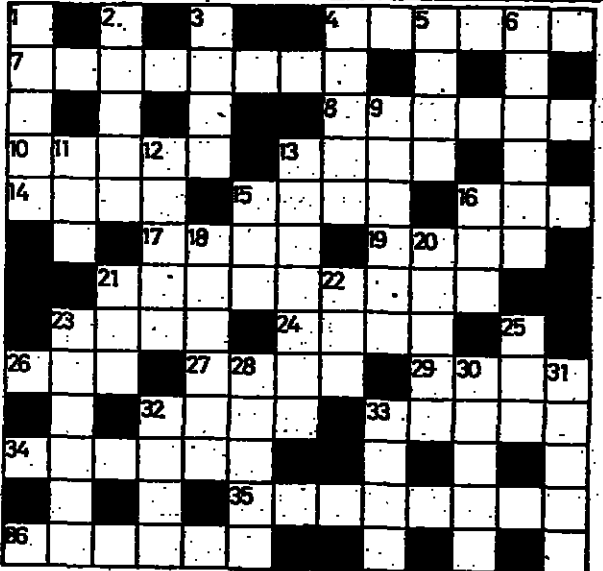
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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Between them, you can have a rest (6)
- Is a quiet one novel? (8)
- Sailor posted missing (6)
- Possibly fast yet noisy workers (5)
- Old horse? (4)
- Ring Henry, love (4)
- It's often a question of opinion (4)
- Many a contradiction! (3)
- Dog imitator's hail and farewell (4)
- As a potentate or leader, I'm a grand figure (4)
- Its powerful moving effect is by no means unsteady (9)
- Something hard for baby to bite (4)
- Satisfy the requirement of meat, we hear (4)
- Determined to hiss a popular film (3)
- Reel back with a look (4)
- In the highest position at work (4)
- It flies in the bitter north wind (4)
- She gives a hundred pounds to an artist (5)
- So name a former queen (6)
- Fish with which a knife expert swallows some tea (8)
- There's some instance of a golfer having it (6)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Measure in depth (6)
- Mirth (8)
- E.g., Mallorca (6)
- Use up (5)
- Post (4)
- Conceal (4)
- Bog (4)
- Pig-pen (3)
- Close of a prayer (4)
- Item of footwear (4)
- Raised objections (9)
- Nuisance (4)
- Peruse (4)
- Base (3)
- Possess (4)
- Spur (4)
- Table-mountain (4)
- Intelligence (5)
- Untouchables (6)
- Huge (8)
- Thoroughfare (6)

DOWN

- Meat (5)
- Pondered (5)
- Heavy noise (4)
- Monk (5)
- Cash-register (4)
- Highly decorated (6)
- Afternoon sleep (6)
- Mine (3)
- Approaches (5)
- Roman goddess (7)
- Unencountered (3)
- Lump of turf (3)
- Parent (6)
- Field-enclosure (5)
- Church seat (3)
- Bishop's domain (3)
- Powerful (6)
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Reagan undeterred

THE MURDEROUS terrorist attack on the U.S. embassy in Beirut has elicited from President Reagan himself the assurance that the dastardly act will not deter the U.S. from pursuing the goal of "peace in the region."

While Mr. Reagan must have had uppermost in his mind a settlement in Lebanon, his pledge clearly referred to the Arab-Israeli conflict as a whole. There was, of course, little else that could be expected from the leader of a superpower as heavily committed as the U.S. to the political stability of the Middle East.

In Jerusalem, Mr. Reagan's statement was heartily welcomed. However, it must be obvious to policy-makers here that America's search for a regional peace promises, among other things, friction with Israel.

Last week the word was leaked from Damascus that President Reagan had informed President Assad, in a special message, that the U.S. viewed Resolution 242 as requiring the return of the Golan Heights to Syria. This has now been confirmed in Washington, although with a slight amendment: the U.S., it turns out, believes that "at least a part" of the Golan Heights must be handed back to Syria under Resolution 242.

It is doubtful whether even the amended version would please Israel's government very much. Washington's stand on the Golan Heights was made clear when the Knesset extended the country's "law, jurisdiction and administration" to the area in December 1981. Although the U.S. helped bar Security Council sanctions in punishment for the Israeli action at the time, the U.S. served notice that it would not recognize the validity of a unilateral move by Israel to change the status of the area.

Since then the issue has been largely dormant, but it has not died. Today the U.S. is interested in keeping an opening to hostile Syria, partly in order to coax it into pulling its own troops out of Lebanon, within the framework of an overall arrangement. A reiteration of America's opposition to Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights, whether *de facto* or *de jure*, is a means to that end.

But though it is a means to an end, the American stand reflects a long-time policy. That is why the U.S. attitude is not likely to change materially even if it turns out that the raid on the embassy in Beirut was engineered by the Syrian intelligence services.

The same policy, backed by all U.S. administrations since the Six Day War, holds with regard to the West Bank and Gaza as well. It underlies the Reagan Plan: not a return to the old armistice lines, but a negotiated exchange of territory for peace on all fronts. This is Washington's understanding of 242, and it used to be Jerusalem's too.

Israel's present doctrine, on the other hand, is that, with the cession of Sinai back to Egypt, this country has exhausted its territorial obligations on all other fronts.

Endorsement of this doctrine has not been won in any capital outside of Jerusalem, and that includes Washington. When Americans remind Israel of this elementary fact, as they sometimes do, Israelis today tend to grumble about the Americans kowtowing to the Arabs. But "territory for peace" happens to be settled U.S. policy, and while Israel's arm may not be twisted, at least not too powerfully, to force it into line, the potential for continuous friction, and worse, is certainly there.

One boycott deserves another

FOR SHEER stupid malevolence the anti-Israel boycott resolution adopted by the annual conference of Britain's Cinematograph Television and Allied Technicians deserves some sort of prize.

The resolution condemns Israel for its "genocidal attempts in Lebanon." It demands an immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from both Lebanon and the territories occupied in 1967. And it calls on ACTT members to refrain from working in Israel and on Israel-financed film and television projects, with the exception of news and current affairs, "until a just political solution is implemented."

Needless to say, the ACTT resolution finds no cause for a similar harangue against the policies of any Arab state or faction.

The politics of the union majority that helped pass the resolution may easily be divined. It would have been harder, however, to guess that the resolution was proposed by an Israeli now teaching in England. In defending his initiative, Haim Bresheeth claimed that he merely wanted "recognition for the Palestinians as equals." Paying Israeli society a back-handed compliment, he suggested that it was healthy enough to stand "criticism, however severe."

The hypocrisy is mind-boggling: as though the issue were the legal right of an Israeli to criticize his own government! At issue, rather, is the moral right of an Israeli abroad to abuse his country's tolerance for dissent in order to defame it and hurt its interests as a sovereign state, by deploying a foreign trade union against it.

What practical impact the boycott recommended in the resolution will have, remains to be seen, though it could lead to a counter-boycott. The ACTT asks that the text "be conveyed to Israeli trade union and media workers as an effective means of support for the growing struggle within Israel against its oppressive and discriminatory regime." It is a pity ACTT delegates were not advised that their ill-advised move would do no such thing.

What the ACTT's foul text will actually do is reinforce the belief, already prevalent in this country, that unthinking hostility towards Israel is at the root of all criticism, even in the West.

IF THERE really is a Satan in the underworld, he must be rubbing his hands with glee these days. A more diabolical scheme than the very suggestion of a PLO homage to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising can hardly be conceived.

This indeed was a design of demonic proportions, and a fiendish derision of Jews, of the Jewish tragedy, of the Jewish national resurgence, and of simple, basic human values of justice and truth. Satan has every reason to exult. This must be one of the cleverest hell-born contrivances since the UN equated Zionism with racism.

The same twisted logic that could condemn the national liberation of the most downtrodden people on earth could cynically confer the title of "freedom fighters" on those who aim to destroy the national haven of those who survived the Holocaust and of their children.

Let there be no mistake — the Warsaw Ghetto uprising was largely a Zionist uprising. It was led and organized by Zionist youth movement activists who knew that the annihilation of the Jews of Europe was possible only because they had no state and no army of their own; because they were weak and helpless.

They rose in one desperate, defiant last gesture against that helplessness. They no doubt hoped that a Jewish state would be born out of the ashes. This is the very Zionist state which the PLO — as its covenant explicitly proclaims — wants to wipe off the map, and against whose inhabitants it wages a bloody war.

In line with the PLO's "new image," its chieftains are now out to liken themselves with all the world's legendary freedom fighters. But insisting on participating in the Warsaw uprising memorial goes further than such conceit: It is an attempt to dissociate the Jew from Zion and from the Jewish state.

This is only one more chapter in the Arab re-written history of the absurd, which contends that there were no Jews in all of Jerusalem's

THE POLICY of silence — and perhaps even of silencing others — over Ethiopian Jewry has continued for over two decades. Some, including leaders who bore responsibility for the subject and now admit remorse, say that there were two reasons: religious and ethnic. These were in addition to security factors and the need to maintain secrecy.

The religious reason cast doubt on the Judaism of Ethiopian Jewry. This was argued while the Interior Ministry consciously and deliberately overlooked an explicit and unequivocal decision of the two chief rabbis that the Ethiopians are Jews from every point of view. Even the Law of Return did not apply to Ethiopian Jewry. Only when Shlomo Hillel MK served for about six months as interior minister did he reveal the decision of the two chief rabbis and instruct that the Law of Return apply to Ethiopian Jews, the Falashas.

There are also good and knowledgeable people who claim that the ethnic factor at least constitutes a reason for neither speeding up nor stimulating care for the remains of Ethiopian Jewry.

These two reasons can no longer serve as obstacles and the questions to be asked now are what can be done and how.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE 388 SHEKEL DEBT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The letter you received from Mr. Hans Meir Nath (March 27) regarding my mistaken arrest is a complete misrepresentation of the facts and leaves the impression that the police acted properly.

His letter states: "He originally did not pay a debt of some IS300." I paid the debt and obtained an official receipt as soon as I was notified that I owed the money.

His letter goes on "...did not defend the court action against him." If there was a court action against me, I was not advised of it.

...and (he) ignored the demand of the execution office to pay the sum plus costs." This is false, since I paid the full amount claimed, as soon as I received the demand. When I received the second demand, I replied by registered mail, enclosing a copy of the official receipt.

Mr. Nath completely ignores the fact that the police then came to arrest me in the middle of the night without warning to drag me off to jail, for owing IS388 that had been paid three months previously.

Surely there must be a better way to collect these small sums than for the police to come in the middle of the night as happened to my family and, more recently, to Sylvia Zalmanson.

PINCHAS KERSEN

Ra'anana.

FIENDISH PLOT IN WARSAW

By SARAH HONIG

annals until 1917, or that Jesus was a Palestinian Arab tortured to death by Jews.

BUT IT IS also an attempt by the PLO to portray its members as the true spiritual successors of the ghetto to heroes, doing battle with latter-day Nazis. The survivors and their descendants, of course, are cast in the role of evil incarnate.

But whose spiritual heirs are the PLO "freedom fighters?" Let's at least try to set the record straight.

To anyone who knows the history of Eretz Yisrael in the past few decades, one fact is crystal clear: Not only can the Arabs not claim the revolutionary mantle of those who rose up against the Nazis, but they were not even innocent neutral onlookers.

The plain fact is that they were among the most enthusiastic of Nazi sympathizers in those dark days. They awaited the German conquest of this country eagerly. Hitler was revered by them and admiringly nicknamed Abu Ali. The nickname was subsequently transferred to Field Marshal Erwin Rommel when it seemed that his forces were about to smash their way into Eretz Yisrael.

Those days in 1942, when the Germans seemed on the verge of overrunning the entire Middle East, have been excellently chronicled by author, journalist and former Mandatory police officer Havi Kanan in his 1974 book *200 Days of Anxiety*. It would serve as excellent food for thought for anyone who these days seeks a proper perspective on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In his book, Kanan describes in detail the attitude of the Arabs of this country to the Jews in the 200 days of an imminent Nazi take-over. The Arabs in those days grew "arrogant and sneering," writes Kanan. "German-language courses became the vogue and the Arab masses spoke of looting, rape and murder; many were already dividing up Jewish property among themselves. Arab communities were crawling with spies (one of those apprehended by the British was the late Anwar Sadat) and would-be saboteurs."

Kanan also describes how the Arabs hoarded arms and how Arab youths openly rehearsed maneuvers to receive and harbour Nazi paratroopers.

News of Allied reverses in North Africa were greeted with glee. When Kalkiya residents were shown films of the successful British bombing of German cities, reactions were violent and the audience shouted: "It's a lie! Germany is strong! Long live Abu Ali!"

THESE WERE the sentiments of the Arab in the street. Higher-up Arab leaders were taking a far more active role in furthering the Axis cause. First and foremost among them was Jerusalem's Mufti, Haj Mohammed Amin el-Husseini. Yasser Arafat's counterpart in those days. He lived luxuriously on an estimated \$10,000 a month in his haven in Berlin and plotted his glorious return to Nazi-occupied Eretz Yisrael. But he also made other plans.

Kanan reveals (and his evidence

is profusely documented) that Hussein, whose death a decade ago was mourned by Arabs everywhere, had plans for huge gas chambers to be set up in the Dothan Valley north of Nablus, in which not only the Zionist Jews of Eretz Yisrael would be annihilated, but also the Jews of Iraq, Egypt, Yemen, Syria, Lebanon and North Africa. Arabs were to run these death camps, leaving the Germans free for battlefield tasks.

The mufti frequently met with Adolf Eichmann, and he is said to have personally sabotaged a plan to exchange 10,000 Jewish children for German civilians, persuading the Nazis of the danger of leaving those young Jews alive to grow up and be Jewish soldiers.

According to Hagana chiefs interviewed by Kanan, Israeli Jews at the time harboured fears of bloody Arab massacres (of the sort perpetrated by the Ukrainians on the Jews of Galicia), which surpassed their fear of the Germans.

If anything, the PLO is the direct descendant of the mufti's gangs of Nazi collaborators of the 1930s and 1940s. The PLO terrorists can only pass themselves off as ghetto fighters in a cynical world which either prefers to forget, or has an astonishingly short memory, or considers history irrelevant.

Only such a world can suffer this sacrifice by the mufti's present-day disciples — who still revere him and who engage in precisely the same carnage, albeit with much more cunning and sophistication.

THAT THIS mockery should take place on Polish soil only adds insult to injury. Polish anti-Semitism is in-

famous. All too many Poles actively helped Hitler's henchmen in his extermination of the Jews. They rejoiced at the "final solution." They betrayed ghetto fighters and other Jews.

One of the Warsaw Ghetto survivors told me how the Poles stood around and cheered as the ghetto and its human remnant were burned. "The Jews are dying," was their frenzied shout of jubilation.

Kanan adds a local touch. He describes how many soldiers of General Anders' Free Polish Army, who were camped in the south of Eretz Yisrael during parts of the war, openly rejoiced when the first bits of news of the Holocaust trickled out of Europe. Their most common remark was that, "True, Hitler caused us great suffering, but he also gave us a priceless gift — we shall return to a Poland wiped clean of Jews."

The Polish soldiers' hostility was expressed in other ways, too. They befriended the pro-Nazi Arabs and a lively trade ensued in their camps: they sold arms to the Arabs, with which the latter would welcome Abu Ali and do their share in the extermination of the Jews.

Even in post-war Poland, when the Germans were gone, Poles butchered some of those Jews who managed to live through the Nazi inferno.

So what were the Poles thinking of when they proposed having a PLO representative lay a wreath at the ghetto uprising memorial? And, for that matter, what could have gone through the mind of the PLO representative as he did so yesterday? Was he sorry that more Jews had not perished in that hell on Poland's land? Or was he simply pleased that such was the bloody end of so many Jews? Or was he hoping to finish the job and annihilate the surviving kind and real spiritual heir of the ghetto warriors? Perhaps only Satan has the answers.

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An end to silence

By SHMUEL LAHIS

secrecy for saving these Jews has exhausted itself, especially in view of the high level of penetration of the media everywhere. The special committee for saving Ethiopian Jews in the US has long since refrained from cooperating in the matter of secrecy. It does not recognize this need and, naturally, does not honour it. This foundation of factual secrecy on the spot has therefore been completely done away with long ago.

Experience and reality have shown that after a certain point there is neither value nor validity in quiet diplomacy or secret dealings. Up to ten years ago, the same quiet, secret system was used with regard to Soviet Jewry. I am not claiming that that was not right at the time. But such activity is, by its very nature, restricted with regard to scope and possibilities.

Once it was realized that no further progress would be made, strong and open pressure was put on the Soviet Union with the help of

the U.S. The results were indeed surprising and unexpected — and they would never have been achieved through quiet and secret methods.

We must learn from the wisdom of experience. The same lesson now applies to Ethiopian Jewry.

"Drop-by-drop" ally, in the words of President Yitzhak Navon at the Sigad festival of Ethiopian Jewry last November, places in jeopardy some 25,000 Jews still remaining there. There is a real danger that under current practices, the time is not far off when there will be nobody left to save, nobody to bring to Israel.

Their grave position brings us to the inevitable conclusion that in spite of the considerable danger involved, we have nothing to lose. They are almost literally facing physical destruction. Terror and degeneration are doing away with them. The stories told by the few who come here are positively hair-raising. And so we have nothing to lose from launching an open cam-

paign for the rescue and aliya of Ethiopian Jewry.

THERE IS a sensitive moral question here: are we entitled through such open activity to endanger this group? Are we entitled to take their fate in our hands? Perhaps we will cause them greater, and immediate, harm by open activity?

We can and must launch a new and open campaign. For if there is real significance to our being responsible for each other, and if there is significance to the words of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who after a terrorist bombing in Paris said that we see ourselves as being responsible for the well-being of Jews all over the world, then it is our unavoidable duty to set out to save Ethiopian Jewry in the way that we today believe to be correct for them and for us. The responsibility for the decision is ours, and not that of the imprisoned and the prisoners. For "the prisoner does not release himself from his captivity." In order to save them, it is essential that we try the new way of open struggle, in spite of the dangers inherent in it.

This is how we acted in the past, with unparalleled bravery in the face of danger, such as in Operation Entebbe. Had this operation failed,

those who took the decision might have stood accused and asked: who gave you the right to free these people by endangering their lives. Perhaps they would have preferred to remain alive in captivity than risk death or injury in the rescue.

There are obligations greater than the rights of an individual and the supreme value of his life. Such were the obligations and the decision regarding Entebbe. The decision was made not to surrender to terror and to save our hostages, in spite of the great risks for those in the rescue operation and those held as hostages. This was true also of the terror attacks on the Savoy Hotel in Tel Aviv and on the school in Mafalot. Let I be misunderstood, I am not suggesting or recommending, under any circumstances, the same sort of attempt in regard to Ethiopian Jewry.

Ethiopian Jewry is being destroyed. We are obliged to put an end to the silence and to speak out, with a mighty cry, before the whole world.

The Israel Government should approach the U.S. Government with a call and an appeal, a plea and a demand, that it exert all its strength and influence to enable Ethiopian Jewry to come here. Not in hiding, not secretly and not on uncharted paths.

The aliya of Ethiopian Jewry must be given "eagles' wings," as was the case with the aliya of Yemenite Jewry. And time is pressing — very pressing.

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